

I am opposed to BellSouth's request that the FCC stop regulating broadband service.

I currently purchase DSL service from an independent ISP, Sonic.net, via my SBC-provided telephone line. I use my DSL to run a web server from my home. My local cable provider, Comcast, forbids customers of cable model service from using their broadband connection to provide access to a server. Thus my only choice for broadband access is DSL.

If BellSouth's petition were to pass, SBC would be able to set DSL prices without regard to market conditions and I would be at their mercy.

In addition, if SBC were able to forbid independent ISPs from offering DSL, this would give them an effective monopoly over server-capable broadband connections. If, like Comcast, they then chose to forbid servers, then I would be unable to run a server.

I strongly urge the FCC to maintain DSL regulation as it is today.